

Development of Southern Naval Command

*105. SHRITHENNALAG BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for development of Southern Naval Command, Kochi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) The Southern Naval Command, with headquarters at Kochi, is the existing training command of the Indian Navy and is responsible for its basic and professional training. Training is a dynamic and evolving process and, therefore, is continuously reviewed to incorporate modern technological advancements which include simulators and computers based training aids etc.

The Government has approved establishment of a Naval Academy at Ezhimala in the State of Kerala under the Southern Naval Command. This Naval Academy is meant for imparting training to the cadets and officers of the Indian Navy, Indian Coast Guard, and those from the friendly countries. The Academy is meant to cater to a training load of 600 cadets initially. Indian Naval Ship Zamorin, the depot ship of the Naval Academy has been commissioned on 6th April, 2005 and training programmes have commenced at the campus with effect from 5th August, 2005.

ARWSP in Kerala

*106.SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are many Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programmes (ARWSP) in Kerala undertaken with the assistance of Central Government;

(b) if so, the details of such schemes as on date, category-wise;

(c) the total revised estimates for the above schemes and the total Central assistance, as on date, category-wise;